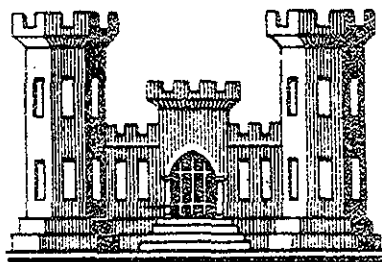


**HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT**

**FOX POINT**  
**HURRICANE BARRIER**

**PROVIDENCE RIVER, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**DESIGN MEMORANDUM NO. 14**  
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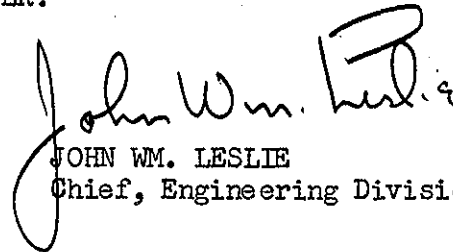
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A. AGGREGATES

1. General. Approximately 55,000 cubic yards of concrete will be required for construction of the barrier, pumping station, and floodwalls of the Providence Hurricane Protection Project. In view of the relatively small quantity of aggregates and the absence of undeveloped sources on the site, investigations have been confined to established commercial sources. All of the three commercial sources within a 15-mile radius of the project site have been recently investigated and tested. A fourth commercial source, although at a distance of 100 miles, is considered because of its high quality aggregate and economic availability. A fifth commercial source, which was only recently developed, is presently being investigated and tested, and the results will be issued as an addendum to this design memorandum. Locations of these sources are shown on Plate No. XIV-1.

2. Investigations. Selection of the sources for testing was based on plant facilities and characteristics of materials as determined by visual examination. All of the natural sand and gravel sources investigated are developed in Pleistocene glacial outwash deposits and exhibit a lithological similarity. The Fanning and Doorley Quarry (crushed stone) is developed in igneous rock of the Devonian age. The New Haven Trap Rock Quarry is developed in igneous rock of the Triassic age.

3. Tests. Representative samples of the aggregates have been tested for evaluation. Results of the aggregate tests are summarized in Tables XIV-1 and XIV-2.

4. Relative Cost Estimates. Estimated delivered prices of the aggregates, based on quoted plant prices, Rhode Island Department of Public Utilities minimum trucking rates, which are currently 25 cents

per ton for the first mile and 5 cents per ton for each additional mile, and current railway shipping charges, are as follows:

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b. Morse Sand and Gravel Company. The Morse Sand and Gravel Company, with its main processing plant located in Dodgeville, Massachusetts, about 10 miles haul distance from the project site. Plant prices are \$1.35/ton for gravel and \$1.00/ton for sand. The delivered price to the site will average \$2.05/ton for gravel and \$1.70/ton for sand.

c. Fanning and Doorley Construction Company. The Fanning and Doorley Construction Company has its main quarry located at Ashton, Rhode Island, about 12-mile haul distance from the project site. Plant prices for crushed stone range from \$2.15/ton to \$2.55/ton. The delivered price to the site will average \$3.15/ton.

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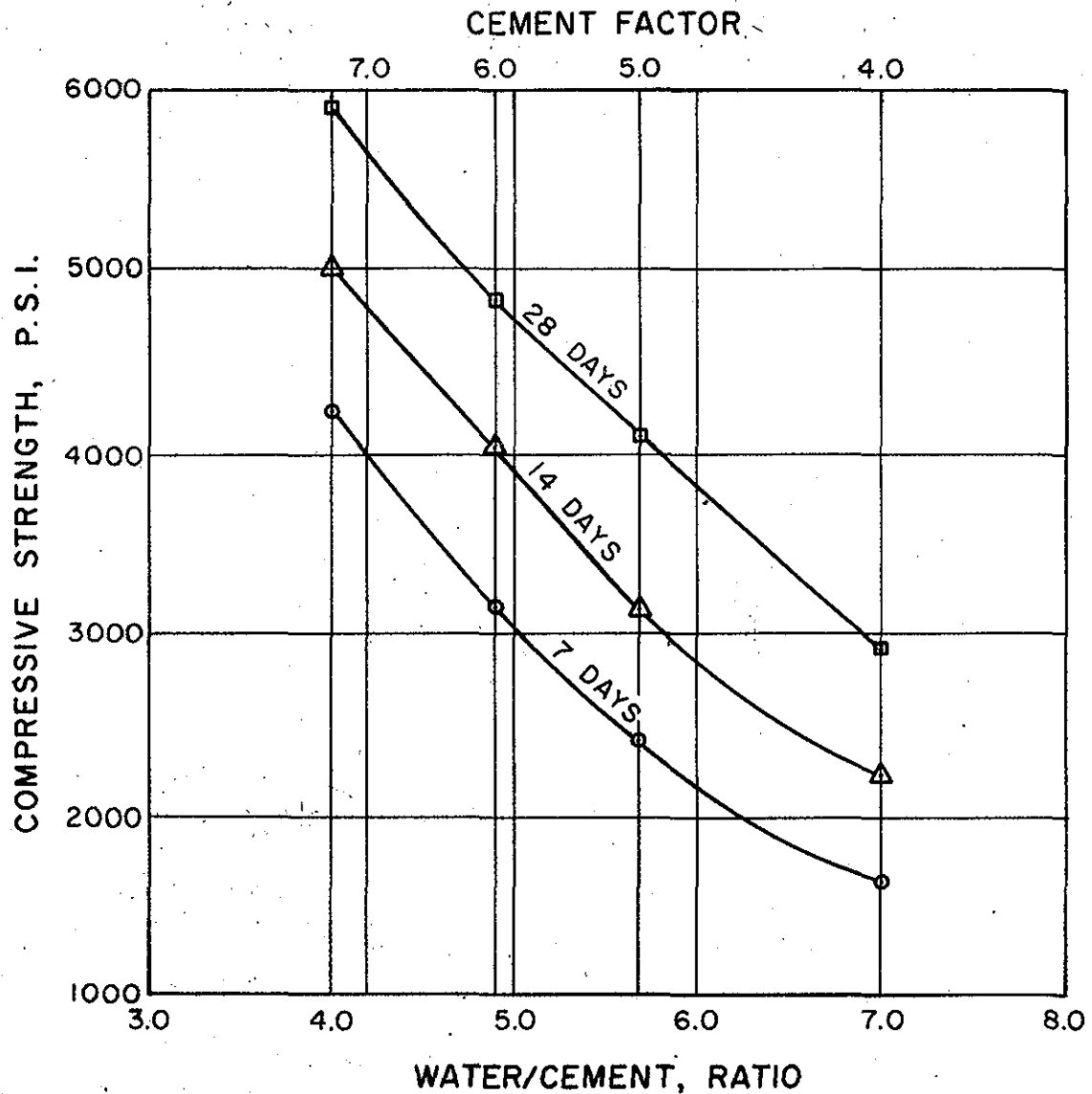
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\*f. Rhode Island Sand and Gravel Company. The Rhode Island Sand and Gravel Company, with its main processing plant located in Warwick, Rhode Island, about 7 miles haul distance from the project site. Plant prices for concrete sand are \$1.05/ton. The delivered price to the site will average \$1.55/ton.\*

## B. WATER

5. General. The concrete in this waterfront structure will be subjected to the contaminated water in the Providence River, which is a tidal estuary. Therefore, it was deemed necessary to investigate this water so that the necessary protection can be provided. A comprehensive sampling and testing program has been conducted by Bureau of Public Health in connection with other phases of the design studies. In addition, a separate detailed sampling and testing program has been conducted in connection with an investigation of corrosion properties of the water and river mud. Samples were obtained at the high, low, and mean tides, three feet from the water surface and three feet from the bottom and at various other elevations.





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6. Tests. Typical results of laboratory tests performed on the samples of river water taken three feet from the top and bottom are as follows:

Tests	Test Results (Parts per Million) <sup>(1)</sup>					
	Low Tide		Mean Tide		High Tide	
	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom
pH	7.4	7.4	7.9	7.3	8.3	7.6
Turbidity	40	3	50	2	70	8
Free Carbon Dioxide	11.5	14.3	2.0	12.0	0.0	6.5
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )						
Total	98	100	96	105	97	103
Carbonate	0	0	0	0	23	0
Bicarbonate	98	100	96	105	74	103
Hydroxide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Free Mineral Acid	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Hardness (as Ca CO <sub>3</sub> )	4,000	5,250	4,200	5,550	4,600	5,000
Ferrous Iron, Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ferric Iron Total	0.44	0.28	0.44	0.20	0.40	0.30
Dissolved	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.02
Suspended	0.42	0.26	0.42	0.18	0.36	0.28
Sulfides as S <sup>=</sup>	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Silica	2.2	3.2	1.0	1.6	1.0	0.04
Sulphates	1,750	2,310	1,880	2,290	1,980	2,230
Chlorides	12,750	16,870	13,650	16,890	14,500	16,150
Manganese	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solids, Total	23,520	31,200	25,370	32,650	27,980	31,720
Staining	Severe	Severe	Severe	Severe	Severe	Severe

(1) Except for pH.

### C. FOUNDATION SOILS

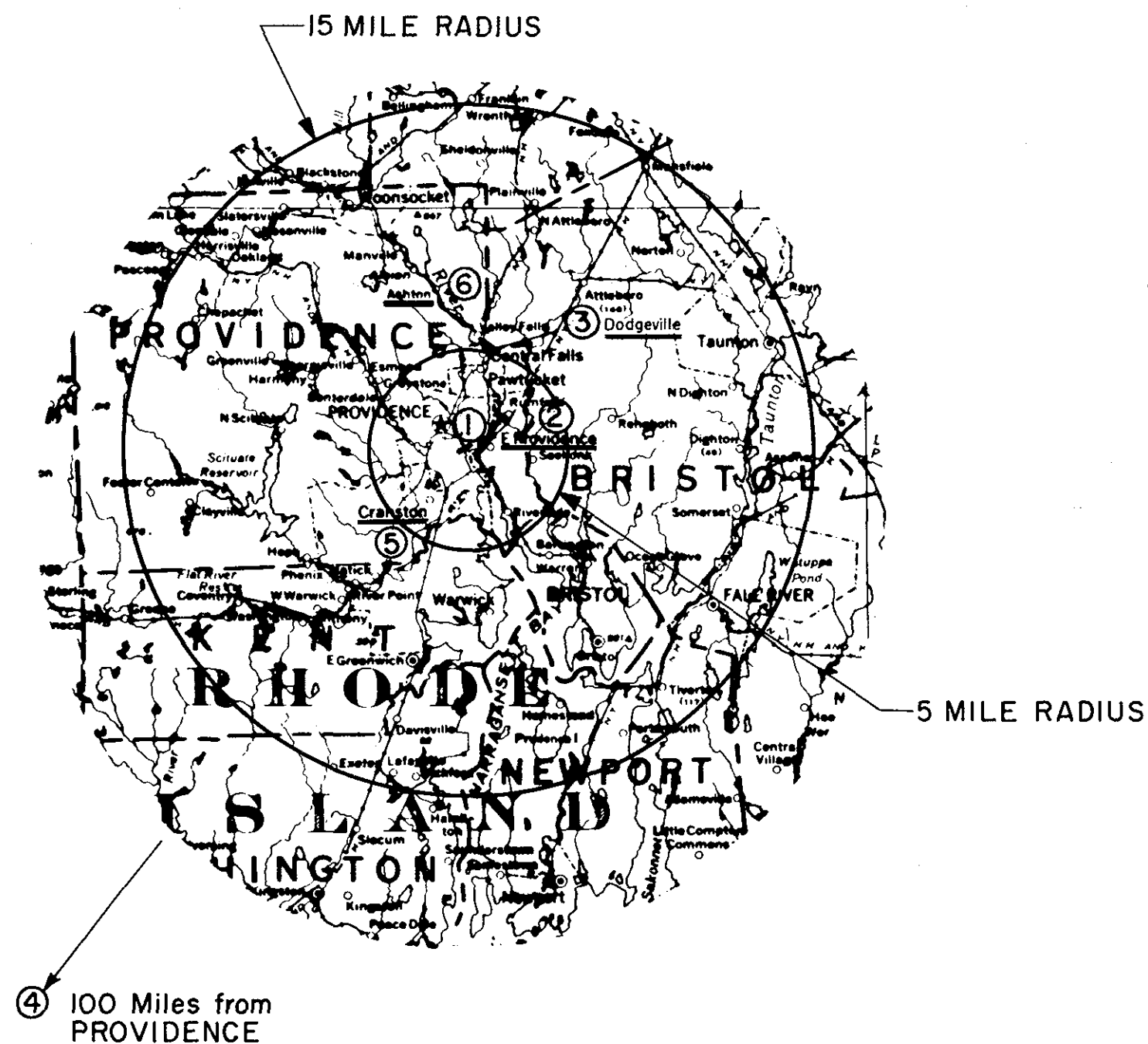
The foundation materials consist of organic silts in the river, and fill material on the abutments which consist in part of unburned coal and coal ashes. The bedrock contains the Rhode Island Series which is, in part, carboniferous. Tests on the mud indicate a sulfide content in excess of 2,000 p.p.m. Based on these data, it is considered that potentially reactive material is present in the foundation soils.

#### D. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the data presented herein, the durability of the crushed quarry stone coarse aggregates is substantially greater than for the gravel coarse aggregate. However, all of the aggregates tested are considered acceptable for use in the proposed structure and approval of these sources is recommended.

Tests performed on the river water show that the sulfate content exceeds the maximum limit (1000 ppm) permitted by Civil Works Bulletin ENGWE 56-18 for Type II cement. Therefore, in accordance with this bulletin, Type V cement is required for the exposed portions of the structure. However, due to the relatively small quantity of concrete required and difficulty in handling two types of cement, it is recommended that Type V cement be used throughout. This would include use in any concrete piles because of the potential reactivity of the foundation soils.

No consideration is given to use of the river water for either mixing or curing concrete. Water for these uses will be obtained from the City water supply or other acceptable source.

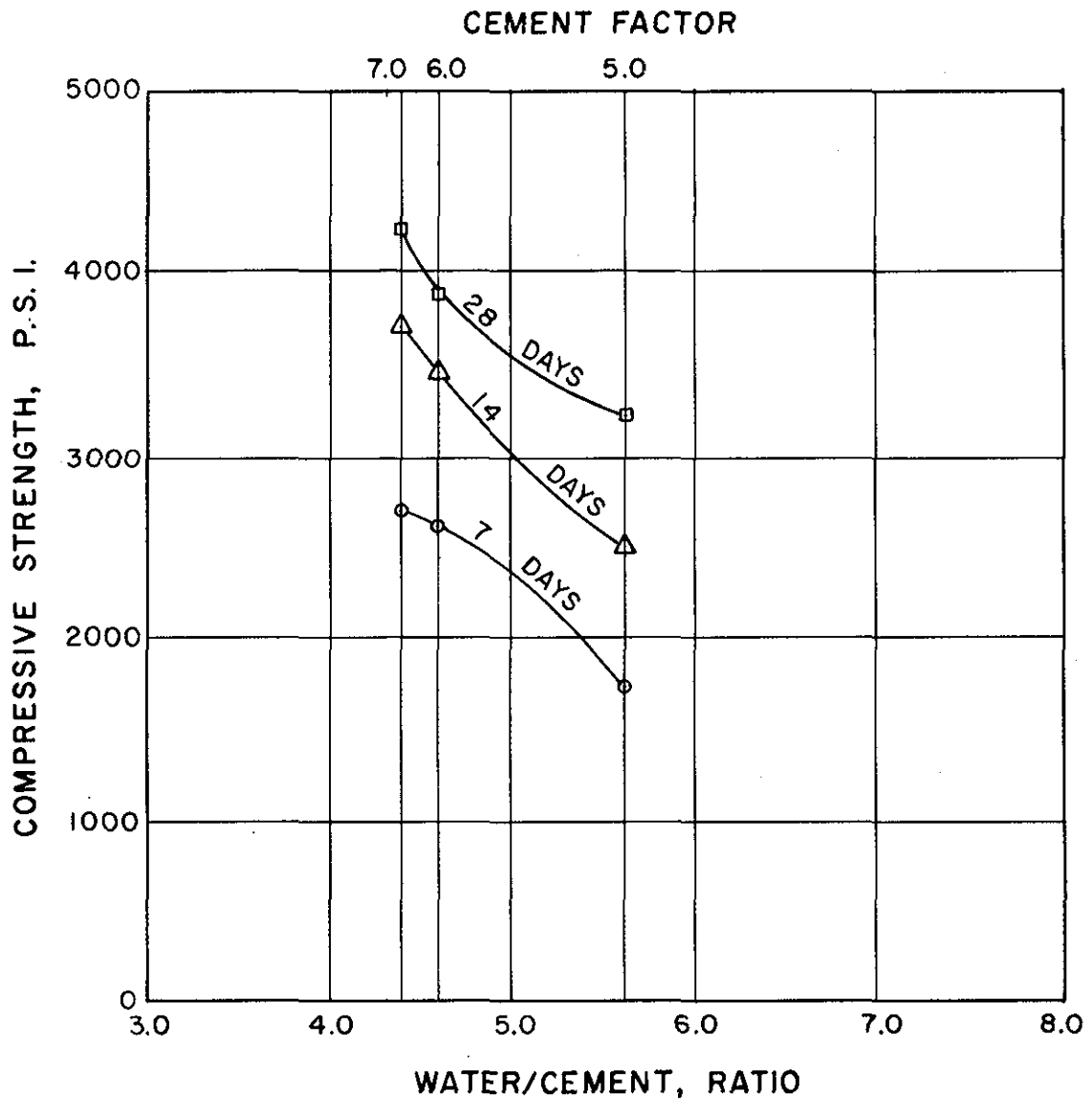


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- ③ Morse Sand & Gravel Co.
- ④ New Haven Traprock Co.
- ⑤ M.A. Gammino Co.
- ⑥ Fanning & Doorley

PROVIDENCE LOCAL PROTECTION  
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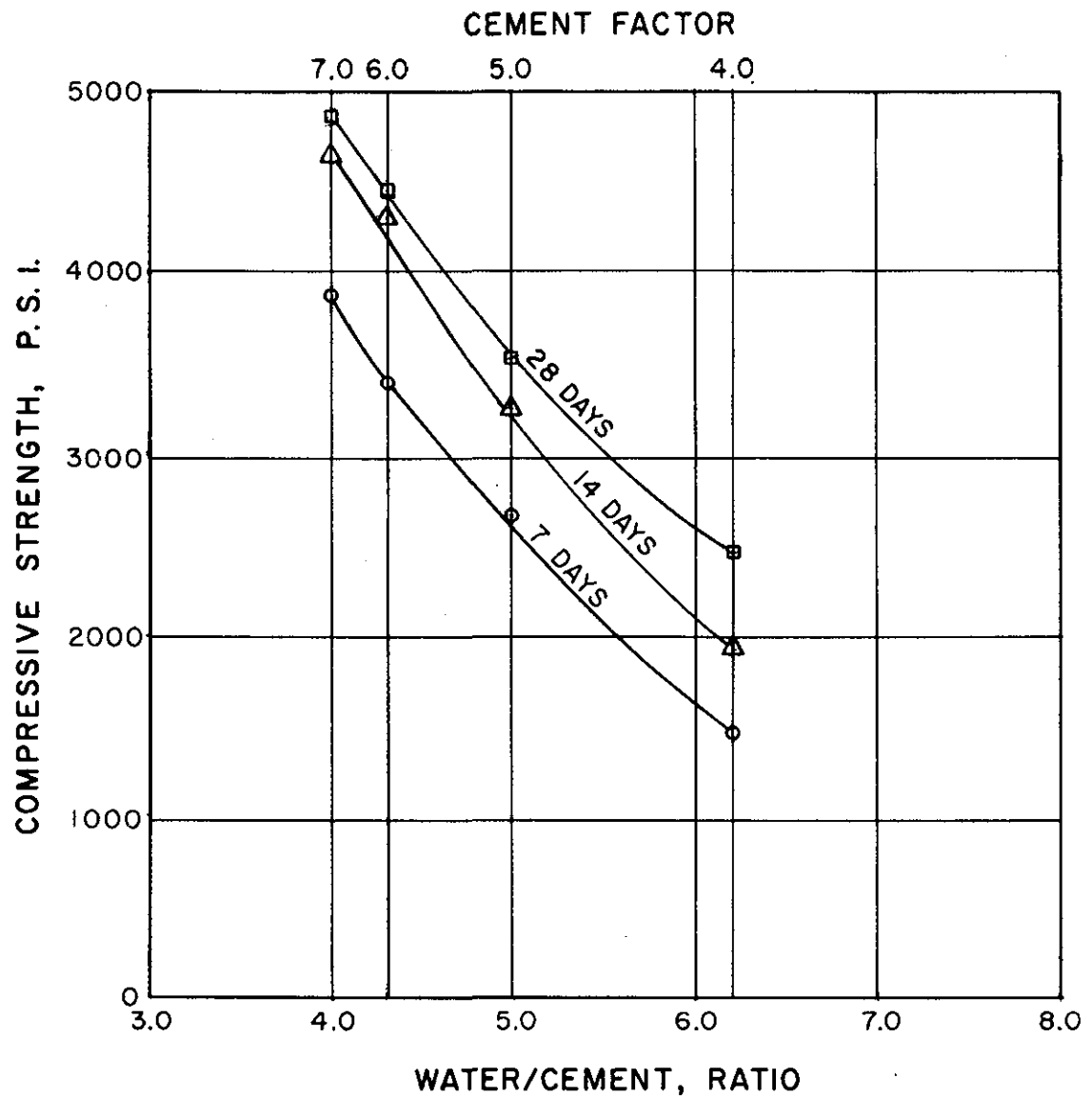
# LOCATION OF COMMERCIAL AGGREGATE SOURCES

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